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**From:** Robin, George  
**Sent:** Wed 7/31/2013 5:35:29 PM  
**Subject:** RE: (non-FOIA request) Ca. Aquifer Exemptions San Diego County - Public records request  
Aquifer Exemptions in DOGGR District 1.pdf

Nahal,

(1) San Diego County is in the Ca. DOGGR's District 1. Go to the following website for contact information:

[http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/Pages/doggr\\_contacts.aspx](http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/Pages/doggr_contacts.aspx)

Here is the main information from that website (individuals are also listed):

**District 1**

5816 Corporate Ave., Suite 200  
Cypress, CA 90630-4731  
Phone: (714) 816-6847, Fax: (714) 816-6853  
[dogdist1@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:dogdist1@conservation.ca.gov)

(2) Please see the attached file ("Aquifer Exemptions in DOGGR District 1.pdf") for the list of Aquifer Exemptions listed on page 48 of the DOGGR's Application for Primacy (April 1981). It can be also seen in its entirety at:

[ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/oil/publications/safe\\_water.pdf](ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/oil/publications/safe_water.pdf)

(3) The Requestor for The Coast News is combining Aquifer Exemptions with Permits, however they are separate. If the Requestor wants to inquire about specific permits (perhaps within those exempted aquifers listed in the attached file), then they must contact the District 1 for such information.

(4) For further discussion, I can be reached at (415) 972-3532.

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**From:** Mogharabi, Nahal  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2013 2:57 PM  
**To:** Dermer, Michele; Robin, George  
**Cc:** Albright, David  
**Subject:** RE: Public records request

Hi Michele and George,

I just wanted to follow up on this and see if we had an estimated timeframe for when we can get back to the reporter on this.

Thanks so much,

Nahal

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2013 3:20 PM  
**To:** Mogharabi, Nahal; Robin, George  
**Cc:** Albright, David  
**Subject:** RE: Public records request

Hi Nahal,

I just checked with David and he thinks that George Robin in our office would be able to take a quick look through the spreadsheet that we have of the aquifer exemptions granted in the region, and that he could provide a list of any in San Diego County – hopefully within a few days. Is that right George?

EPA has not issued any of these exemptions related to a UIC permit in San Diego County (we do know that at this point), however the California Dept of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources may have issued some under the Class II program which they implement, and the reporter would need to contact them for the actual permits.

Michele

**From:** Mogharabi, Nahal  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2013 3:07 PM  
**To:** Dermer, Michele  
**Subject:** FW: Public records request

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**From:** Mogharabi, Nahal  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2013 10:28 AM  
**To:** Albright, David  
**Subject:** FW: Public records request

Hi David,

I hope you are well. I received the below inquiry from a reporter and was hoping you could help me with it, or direct me to the appropriate person that can.

The reporter hasn't yet officially began a formal FOIA request, but I was hoping to be able to help him without having him go through FOIA.

I don't know anything about aquifer exemption permits, do you think we can help him?

Thanks in advance!

Nahal

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Hello Nahal and Stacy,

I'm a reporter with The Coast News in Encinitas. I sent this public records request to EPA press contact Julia Valentine June 21 after sending her multiple emails asking for the information. I've

yet to receive a reply.

I'm hoping one of you could help me.

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of aquifer exemption permits in San Diego County.

I understand the Environmental Protection Agency issued 1,500 of these permits across the nation. Again, I'm specifically interested in the aquifer exemption permits in San Diego County.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jared

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